THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The 100 days programme announced by the Government includes major Legislative initiates; Policy initiatives; and Administrative and other initiatives.

(c) and (d) Education is a subject on the Concurrent List of the Constitution, it is the shared responsibility of the both the Central and State Governments. The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) is the highest advisory body to advise the Central and State Governments in the field of education. Important issues pertaining to education are discussed in the CABE from time to time.

Access to higher education for all

1887. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students seeking admission in the professional institutions of higher education in both Government and private sectors at graduate and post graduate levels;

(b) how many have been granted admission and how many refused among those during the year 2008-09;

(c) the policy of Government to provide opportunity to all those who are desirous of taking higher education within their affordable expenditure;

(d) whether Government agrees that the doors of higher education should not be closed to those who aspires to pursue higher studies; and

(e) if so, the plans therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mid-day Meal Scheme

†1888. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of amount is paid to the States by the Central Government under Mid-day Meal Scheme and whether State Governments also contribute in the scheme financially;

(b) whether the quality of this Mid-day Meal being provided to the children is also taken care of by the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of increase in the percentage of students attending schools if any, due to Mid-day Meal Scheme, State-wise?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.